

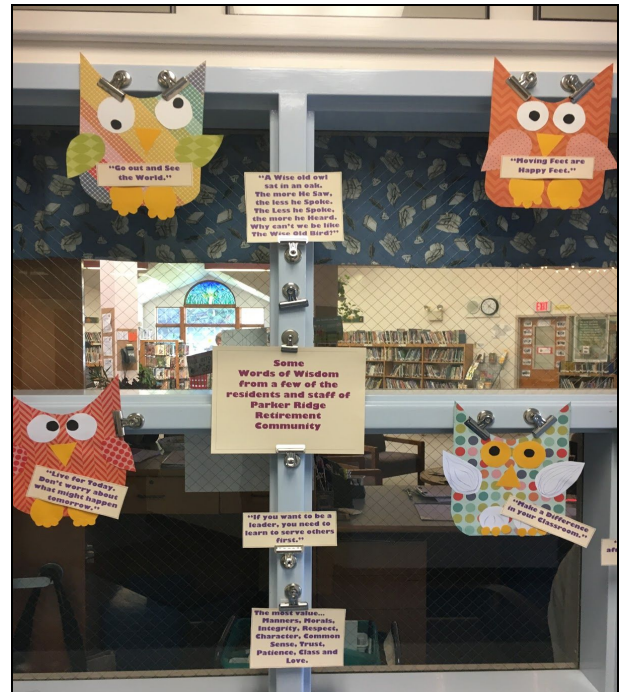
Explorations

Blue Hill Consolidated School

October 13, 2016



Hank Consentino from Parker Ridge Retirement Community visited BHCS school this week to share some words of wisdom. The residents created paper owls to display with some great advice for our students. Thank you to Alma Mote and Tim Chandler for coordinating this activity.



From the Principal - BHCS Cares

Each year our faculty decides on a school-wide theme. As a Pre-K through eighth grade school, there are not a lot of things that are relevant to all age groups, so it is unique to have an overarching theme that brings us together. This year our theme is: BHCS Cares. Our areas of focus are that we as a school community care for ourselves, our community, and our environment.

We will plan assemblies and activities throughout the year that will bring us together. Coming soon will be one of the school-wide activities that gives us an opportunity to care about our community. The annual Tree of Life Food Drive will be in November and we will be collecting non-perishable food items to donate. In years past, we have collected a few pickup truck loads of food.

Stay tuned to see more information about the ways that BHCS Cares.

Warmly,
Shelly

From the Communications Club

Welcome to the new digital version of the Explorations newsletter. Our goals include to provide content that is relevant to the families of BHCS, photographs of the amazing activities happening around the school, and timely information about the events that are happening at BHCS and the community. Please let us know what improvements we can make as we continue to learn about publishing the newsletter. Send any comments to tgandy@bhcs.org.

From the School Nurse

Our flu vaccine supply has arrived and we have set our date. The flu shots will be given on October 20. For those parents that have requested to be present during the administration please be at school at 8:30 am.

For any student that has not turned in their paperwork and would like a flu vaccine, please contact me at 374-2202.

Thank you!
April Chapman, RN
School Nurse

Book Fair

Be sure to drop by the BHCS book fair next week before or after school. The fair will be open until 7:30 each night and there will be hundreds of books available. The proceeds from the sale are used for the school library and to help teachers add to their classroom libraries.

Hannaford Cards are Back

The Hannaford Gift Card program is a great way to donate money to the school at no additional cost to you. If you shop at a Hannaford and purchase, or reload a Hannaford Card through us, Hannaford will donate 5% of your order to the Blue Hill Consolidated School Parent, Teacher, Friend (PTF) Group. We use these funds to provide classroom supplies, classroom snacks, and many other items.

Attached is this month's Hannaford card order form. Forms will also be available on the bulletin board in the BHCS lobby. If you choose to participate, please drop off orders to the school office by 2:30 pm, Thursday October 20, 2016.

Beginning this month Ann Pladson will be taking over the Hannaford program. Please contact Ann with any questions at ptf@bhcs.org, or (925) 997-3458.

PTF News

We have moved the date and time of the next meeting. It is going to be a nighttime meeting to enable some of our working parents to attend. Join us on October 27 at 5:00 pm in the BHCS library for some pizza and to discuss some of the upcoming events. Childcare will be provided.

Volunteers are needed to help Heather Nelson with the Holiday Gift Workshop that will be held on December 10. Although that seems like a long way off, there is a lot of planning that goes into this fun event where students come to BHCS and make holiday gifts for their family. Many different skills are needed so be sure to talk to Miss Nelson to figure out how you can help.

Halloween Jam

by Jakob Ripton, Grade 8

This Friday, BHCS will be hosting their Halloween dance. It is open to grades 6-8 and is from 6-9 pm. Admission is 5 dollars. This dance is also the first "activity night" that BHCS has done. Basketball will be in the gym, the dance in the cafeteria, and movies and games in other classrooms. It benefits the 8th grade class trip, so come and have fun and support the 8th grade! Costumes are welcome, and there will be a dance contest.

Chess Club



LET THE GAMES
BEGIN!

BHCS Chess Team

WHO: 6th-8th Grade Students
WHEN: Monday, October 17
WHERE: Mrs. Davis's Classroom
TIME: 2:45 - 4:00 pm

Specialists' Conference Hours

Megan Granger, our school counselor, is available to meet with parents individually by appointment or to join scheduled parent/teacher conferences at the request of parents or teachers. Megan is also available at any time throughout the school year. Please feel free to contact her by phone at 374-2202, x104, or email her at mgranger@bhcs.org.

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| Mrs. Gandy | M - Th | 3:00 - 7:30 pm |
| Sr. Holman | T, Th | 3:00 - 7:00 pm |
| Mr. Jurick | - | By appt. |
| Mr. McCormick | M | 3:00 - 7:00 pm |
| | T | 3:00 - 6:00 pm |
| Mrs. Means | M, T | 3:00 - 5:30 |
| | Th | 3:00 - 5:00 |
| Mrs. Ricker | - | By appt. |
| Mr. Schubeck | T, Th | 3:00 - 6:00 pm |
| | W | 3:00 - 4:00 pm |

Dates to Remember

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| October 14 | BHCS Halloween Jam & Costume Contest • Gr. 6-8 6-9PM |
| October 17 - 20 | BHCS Book Fair • 7:30 AM - 7:30 PM • BHCS Library |
| October 21 | No School |
| October 22 | Making Strides 5K |
| October 24 - 28 | Grade 7 at Camp Kieve |

